

# ARIZONA COVID-19 RESPONSE

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## What can you do?

### To prepare your agency?

- Review your response plan and ensure all employees are aware of these policies.
- Develop an emergency communication plan to share information with officers during an outbreak of respiratory illness, such as COVID-19.
- Identify critical job functions and positions, and plan for alternative coverage. Provide additional training to cross-train staff to ensure coverage in case people get sick and need to stay home.
- If assistance is needed, contact your [local health department](#).

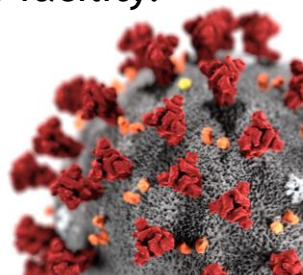
### To prepare your officers?

- Educate about everyday preventative actions such as:
  - Staying home when sick.
  - Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow.
  - Washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Encourage officers to get the seasonal influenza vaccine.

### To help prevent COVID-19 when in the field?

- If possible, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet when initially making contact with an individual
- Practice proper hand hygiene
  - If illicit drugs are suspected, do not use alcohol based sanitizers
- If needed, coordinate with Emergency Medical Service/Emergency Medical Technician (EMS/EMT) and your [local health department](#) to assess and transport anyone you think might have COVID-19 to a healthcare facility.
- When in contact with an individual where respiratory illness is suspected, don a mask and gloves, AND provide a mask to the suspect as well.

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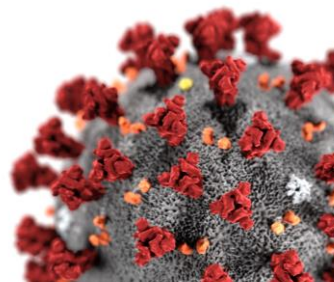
### If close contact during apprehension occurs?

- Clean and disinfect duty belt and gear (including radio, handcuffs, taser, etc.) prior to reuse using EPA-approved cleaning products, according to the product label.
- Follow standard procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE.
- Follow standard procedures for containing and laundering clothes.

### When can sick employees come back to work?

- Contact your [local health department](#) for questions in regards to:
  - Sick employees with recent travel.
  - Potential exposure of COVID-19 in the workplace.
- To determine how long staff should stay home and away from others if they have, or think that they have, COVID-19, visit our [‘Release from Isolation’ guidance](#).
- A healthcare provider’s note for employees who are sick with acute respiratory illness should not be required to validate their illness or to return to work, as healthcare provider offices and medical facilities may be extremely busy and not able to provide such documentation in a timely way.

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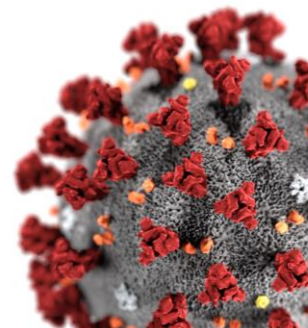
### Who to contact if you have questions?

Please contact your local health department for more guidance and information.

[azhealth.gov/localhealth](https://azhealth.gov/localhealth)

### Additional Resources

- [azhealth.gov/coronavirus](https://azhealth.gov/coronavirus)
- [CDC/Law Enforcement](https://www.cdc.gov/law-enforcement)
- [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)
- [Arizona Pandemic Influenza Response Plan](#)
- [Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention Plan](#)



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